

## A BURGLARS' TRUST.

Milwaukee Police Working on an Alleged Confession of a Member.

A New York Confidence Man at the Head of the Syndicate.

Wisconsin Foraged by This Organized Gang of Thieves.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 17.—A burglar's syndicate or trust now exists, according to high police authorities. In fact there are said to be about a dozen of these syndicates and the next move will be to consolidate them. The facts leaked out through the arrest of a noted criminal a few days ago. In his day he was one of the most noted bank robbers of the East, and his picture adorns nearly every rogues' gallery in the country and occupies a full page in Inspector Byrne's book on noted criminals.

This man now belongs to that class which is designated in police circles as "a good one." For some time the police of this city have had an idea that an organization of thieves have been working the town. The variety of work done puzzled them, however, as it extended from safe-cracking to sneaking-thieving. When this man was arrested, the officials decided to pump him. An attempt was made to make him confess the police had a case against him, but he so stoutly maintained that he had done no "work" for a year that this was given up.

It was decided to send him up to the House of Correction for a year or so on general principles. When he learned of this programme he broke down, and said he was already dying of consumption.

A bargain was made, and he told of the "burglar's syndicate" with which he was connected.

A little investigation convinced the officers of the truthfulness of his story, and they are now at work on the strength of the information furnished. The first trust was formed in New York City by a confidence man nearly a year ago. It was his theory that burglars, safe-crackers, bank robbers, pickpockets, highway men and the whole crew were like day laborers—they needed management. With a shrewd manager at their head many of their stupid blunders could be prevented, and by systematic work the chances of detection could be greatly cut down.

He got about twenty-five men together, and succeeded in making them feel that they were the power of the city, and that they were doing a good work. This summer had a dozen or more gangs have worked different territory. What the confidence man has been doing in the last two months is no longer a matter of doubt.

The method was for him to jump into a town or city at night, do his work and then move on to the next stand. In large cities these artists played a very conspicuous part instead of a one-night stand. The confidence man of the men from one town or State to another makes their capture very difficult.

And the old system burglars and thieves always showed a tendency to stay where they made a good haul, and keep on working until the police located and captured them. In the direction of the Napoleonic confidence man this has all been changed, and a burglar's standard of syndicate system has been a great success.

## PANIC IN A BIG TENEMENT.

Caused by a Fire Thought to Have Been Started by Tramps.

The ten families occupying the rear tenement, 275 Elizabeth street, were aroused by the cry of fire at 1 o'clock this morning. Smoke was pouring out of the cellar in great volumes, and the halls and rooms in the lower floor were filled with it.

The Corbett family, who live on the ground floor, were the first to be awakened. Their rooms were so thick with smoke that they had to grope their way out into the yard. The fire was caused by a fire in the cellar.

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WARD'S MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.

Did He Jump Overboard Through Fear of a Wronged Husband?

The mystery of the jumping overboard in Hell Gate, Aug. 11, from an excursion boat by Louis Ward, of 100 West Second street, Williamsburg, is only partially cleared up by the finding of his body off Stapleton, S. I. Whether he intended suicide when he jumped into the water is a question that will probably never be cleared up.

Ward, it is said, had deserted his wife and babies because of an infatuation for Miss Gill, wife of a longshoreman. His infatuation with this woman was so great that he was ready to make threats against him, and it was to ward that a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

With Mrs. Gill, Ward went on the Frisco excursion, Aug. 11. Unknown to the wife, the woman's husband was also on the boat. While Ward and Mrs. Gill were waiting together they were told of Gill's presence, and only a few moments later Ward jumped from the deck and was seen no more.

It is conjectured by some that he sprang into the water from fear of being taken to Gill or of being arrested and locked up, while others believe that he suddenly determined to commit suicide.

Ward's body was identified yesterday by his brother, and an inquest will probably be held.

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POISONED BY A WELL.

Two Dead and Twenty-four Ill.

Some of Them Critically.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 17.—Two persons have died and twenty-four are ill, some of them critically, from drinking water from the well on Jacob Basant's premises at Burleigh and Sixth streets.

Last week about all the members of the several families partaking of the well water became ill, and their ailments soon developed into typhoid fever.

John Kugel, a married man, died Tuesday, and a daughter of his, named, is also dead. Water from a well is supposed to have worked itself into the well and contaminated the water.

Reported War Clouds in Samoa.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 17.—A private letter from Samoa, under date July 10, said there was great danger of renewed war among the natives. A strenuous appeal has been made for a United States ship.

## OPENED THE PEOPLE'S BATHS.

First of the Series in Centre Market Place.

Long-Anticipated Boon for Tenement Dwellers Pictured and Described.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 17.—The People's Bath-house was opened this afternoon. John Paton, President of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, which has charge of the bath-house, made a brief address.

Governor M. Smith, M. D., read a poem and chairman William G. Hamilton, of the Bath Committee, also made a brief address. Mayor Grant, who was invited, sent a letter of regret.

The new bath-house is in Centre Market place, just east of Centre street, between Broome and Grand streets.

It is a pretty building, of light-colored brick with terra-cotta trimmings of the early Italian style; has a frontage of twenty-seven feet on Centre Market place and a depth of sixty feet. It is two stories high, the upper floor being the home of the superintendent and his family.

On the ground floor are two reception-rooms, one for women, the other for men. They are furnished in hard wood, and are very pretty. The main bathhouse is at the rear, and is divided into eighteen small bath-rooms of metal, each very neat. These small bath-rooms are lighted by a skylight in the daytime and by gas in the evening.

Here the occupants of the tenement-houses, where there are usually no bathrooms, may enjoy a bath for five cents each, the ticket being to pay for soap and towels.

The walls of the little bath-rooms are of painted brick, of course of iron and cement. These for grown people are furnished with spray shower baths, so arranged that the water flows from a circle of perforations.

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## HANGING DEAD ON THE BEACH.

Mysterious Suicide of a Young Visitor at Long Branch.

Wrote on the Sand, "I Am Going Away," and Died.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 17.—The people of Long Branch are much excited over the discovery of a mysterious suicide down on the beach. The suicide is a young man, seemingly not more than seventeen years old, and well dressed. Nobody remembers ever having seen the youth before.

The manner of the suicide was novel, and evidenced a wonderful determination on the part of the youth to take his own life.

Just north of the fishing ground, the boat of Mosheim Co. are hoisted up high on the beach, and are secured by hawsers from the bows to the bluff.

When, at 11 o'clock last night, a Swede employed by the fisherman was passing along the beach he discovered the suicide hanging from one of these strong hawsers.

He secured one end of an ordinary small wire cable to the tail hawser and wound the other end about his own neck. The wire was, perhaps, three feet long, and the body hung so that the legs were doubled up under the chin, and the suicide might have stood on his knees in the sand without strangling.

The determined youth had gathered up his legs so that his weight fell upon the wire, and he had cut through the flesh of his neck with a knife. The body was found at 11 o'clock last night, and was lying on its back, with its head toward the beach.

Half the people here have viewed the remains, but no one has identified the suicide. He was about 5 feet 4 inches in height, and wore a new black derby, dark mixed cashmere shirt, gray woolen socks and gaiters. There was \$1.50 and a key in his pocketbook and a solid gold ring in his pocket.

When found his clothing was saturated nearly to the waist, and it is thought that he first attempted to drown himself.

Near the place where the body was found were footprints in the sand that fitted the soles of the suicide's shoes.

Near the footprints was written in the sand the words: "I am going away."

A plain canvas handkerchief with the initials "T. W." neatly embroidered in red silk thread forms the most important clue which may lead to the identification of the body.

It was thought by some that the body was that of James Nolan, a painter, who has been employed by Mulligan & Haze, but this was denied by the firm who informed an Evening World representative that Nolan is in Connecticut on a visit.

Charles Meyer, of Colts Neck, in Monmouth County, thought he recognized the remains as those of John Murphy, of Edenburg, near the Colts Neck. He informed Coroner Van Dyke that he saw the young man at Mount Pleasant, N. J., last week and took certain notes on the body. The Coroner is at work upon this clue.

If the body proves to be that of Murphy, Meyer says that he knows of no cause for his hanging himself.

## JOLLY AT SCHUTZEN PARK.

Happy Visit to Union Hill, N. J.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

Members of the ninety-two societies taking part in the twenty-second annual Plattsburgh Festival stormed Union Hill, N. J., this morning and took possession of the quarters assigned to them in Schutzen Park, where the fests have regularly been held since 1874.

The ferryboats from Forty-second, Jay and Barclay streets, were crowded from early morning until noon with bands of bold sharpshooters, members of shooting societies, comely maidens, and perspiring but jolly hausfrau, marshalling hosts of children in holiday dress.

The festival began yesterday, the exercises for the day consisting principally of singing contests and shooting matches.

To-day there are free-for-all events on the programme, and numerous prizes have been introduced. The greatest prize is being chased, sack races being run, handsome prizes are being awarded to the best rifle shots and a big pole sledged from top to bottom bears at its apex a reward for whoever succeeds in climbing it.

The several dancing pavilions are thronged with couples, and the park is fairly bathed in music. A band of music is playing in the grove, and more than the usual number of couples are being seen in the park. The usual amount of love-making is apparent in the grove, and more than the usual number of couples are being seen in the park.

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## PRETTY BUT SNEAK THIEF.

A Fondness for Trinkets Led Ada to Rob Her Friend.

The Latter Will Not Prosecute and She May Escape Punishment.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

Vanity and the love of gewgaws caused handsome Ada Helyea, nineteen years old, of 289 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City, to turn aside from the straight and narrow path. The suicide is a young man, seemingly not more than seventeen years old, and well dressed. Nobody remembers ever having seen the youth before.

He stole a pocketbook containing \$70 in cash belonging to Mrs. Cornelius Duncan, a neighbor in the same apartment-house with the Helyeas.

This morning Justice Kimmery, in his court on the hall in Jersey city, held an earnest consultation with the aged mother of the young man, and for a score of years a trusted employee of the Jersey Central Railroad.

Ada did not appear in court herself, but a blooming figure of a young woman, deeply veiled, with downcast head, walking dejectedly and from on the adjacent block, told of the unfortunate girl's presence near the hall of justice.

Ever since Ada's mother died six months ago the bereaved widow has sought consolation in the loving attentions of her pretty daughter. The two were constant attendants at the Rev. Mr. Bligh's Methodist Episcopal church on the corner of the Hudson and the Hudson.

A few months ago Cornelius Duncan, who is also a railroad man, moved with his family into 289 Communipaw avenue and occupied apartments on the same floor with the Helyeas. The two families have long been friends, and since the death of Mrs. Helyea Mrs. Duncan has taken a motherly interest in Ada's welfare. The latter, like almost all the girls in the district, is fond of jewelry.

On Thursday last Mrs. Duncan carefully placed \$70 in a bureau drawer, locked the door of her apartment and then went out on a shopping trip, taking the key with her. That evening Mrs. Duncan went to the bureau drawer to get some money. There was none. A systematic search followed, but without any success.

Ada assisted in the hunt for the missing money, and at last suggested that the bureau drawer had been burglarized. She declared that her father had also been burglarized, and the thieves, but that nothing had been taken.

The Duncan reported the case to Chief Murphy, who detailed Detective Doyle to look up the matter. The detective found that the money was missing from the bureau drawer, and that the key was still in the lock.

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## FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

The Chinese Threatened with a Joint Naval Demonstration.

Serious Labor Rioting Again Looked for at Fourmies.

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